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SUBJECT: GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF DUTIABLE AND NON-DUTIABLE ITEMS AND OF PREFERENTIAL AND NON-PREFERENTIAL ITEMS WITHIN DUTIABLE CATEGORY IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE. SINCE PUBLISHED IMPORT STATISTICS BY COUNTRY AND COMMODITY FOR 1972 HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED, SUCH IDENTIFICATION WOULD REQUIRE EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF EVERY POSTING IN COMMODITY BY COUNTRY STATISTICS.

2. NORWEGIAN GOVT HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING THE WORKING OF ITS GENERALIZED PREFERENCE SCHEME SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION ON OCT 1, 1971: A) ACCORDING TO NORWEGIAN PRESENTATION TO UNCTAD, "EVEN BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, A MAJOR PART OF IMPORTS (IN 1970, 92 PERCENT) FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS FREE OF DUTY IN NORWAY." B) ONLY 32 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES HAVE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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QUALIFICATION. C) TOTAL 1972 IMPORTS FROM THOSE 32

AMOUNTED TO NKR 991,188,000 OR US DOLS 149,275,300 (CALCULATED AT SMITHSONIAN PAR). D) PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS (FROM OCT 1, 1971 TO DEC 31, 1972) AMOUNTED TO NKR 13,400,000 OR US DOLS 2,018,072. E) BENEFITTING COUNTRIES ARE YUGOSLAVIA (38 PERCENT), PHILIPPINES (19 PERCENT) AND BRAZIL (13 PERCENT). LEADING IMPORTS FOR PERIOD OCT 1, 1971 TO OCT 1, 1972 WERE: YUGOSLAVIA - CAMPING TRAILERS (72 PERCENT OF PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS FOR THAT PERIOD); BRAZIL - COMPUTERS (84 PERCENT); PHILIPPINES - UNSWEETENED CANNED PINEAPPLE (76 PERCENT). THESE PRODUCTS DUTIABLE. F) SAFEGUARD CLAUSES HAVE NOT BEEN INVOKED. G) THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE SYSTEM FROM DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. (COMMENT: PERHAPS BECAUSE POTENTIALLY COMPETITIVE "SENSITIVE" ITEMS SUCH AS TEXTILES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED DOMESTICALLY ARE EXCLUDED.) H) NORWEGIANS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY GSP HAS WORKED SO FAR FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) LESS THAN HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES HAVE QUALIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION AND (2) COUNTRIES BENEFITTING THE MOST (SEE B ABOVE) ARE THOSE WITH THE LEAST NEED FOR PREFERENCES, WHILE THOSE WITH THE GREATEST NEED ARE BENEFITTING THE LEAST; THE NORWEGIANS ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING VARIOUS POSSIBLE WAYS TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION.

3. COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVT ARE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY (DEPT ONLY) WITH REFERENCE TO THIS MESSAGE. BUCHANAN

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